

LAWRENCE SCHOOL DISTRICT 2009

Alcohol, Drug and Tobacco Free Schools

Prohibited Activities

- Using, possessing, manufacturing, selling, distributing, dispensing, or being under the influence of any controlled substance, alcoholic beverage, intoxicant of any kind, tobacco or drug paraphernalia.
- The improper use/abuse, possession, manufacturing, selling, distributing or dispensing of any prescription or nonprescription drug or any materials (facsimiles) that give the appearance of alcohol, tobacco, or other controlled or illegal substances.

Expectations for School Sponsored Activities

All school-sponsored functions, including those held at sites other than the school, shall be drug and alcohol free. Possession, distribution, or sale of drugs, drug paraphernalia, inhalants, alcohol, tobacco or any materials (facsimiles) that give the appearance of alcohol, tobacco, or other controlled substances or illegal substances is not permitted.

Students, regardless of age, are to arrive free of these substances. Those who disregard these expectations will be excluded from the event and will be subject to disciplinary actions that may include one or more of the following:

- parent notification;
- police involvement;
- suspension or expulsion; and/or;
- exclusion from future extracurricular activities.

Secondary or Elementary Students Under the Influence of Illegal Drugs or Alcohol

First Offense:

- Three day suspension may be shortened to one day with a drug/alcohol assessment. If the assessment is not completed in the specified timeframe, the two days of suspension will be reinstated.

Second Offense:

- Five day suspension may be shortened to three days with a drug/alcohol assessment. If the assessment was scheduled and not completed after the first offense, this option will not be available for the second offense.
- If the screening is scheduled and not completed, the two days of suspension will be reinstated.

Third Offense:

- Ten day suspension and the student will be referred for a long term suspension/expulsion hearing.

Possession of Illegal Drugs or Alcohol by a Secondary Student

First Offense:

- Alcohol – Five day suspension
- Illegal Drugs – Five day suspension and required drug screening; or ten day suspension and the student will be referred for a long term suspension/expulsion hearing.

Second Offense:

- Ten day suspension and the student will be referred for a long term suspension/expulsion hearing.

Possession of Illegal Drugs or Alcohol by an Elementary Student

First Offense:

- Alcohol – Five day suspension which may be reduced based on age and intent of the student
- Illegal Drugs – Five day suspension and required drug screening; or ten day suspension and the student will be referred for a long term suspension/expulsion hearing.

Second Offense:

- Ten day suspension and the student will be referred for a long term suspension/expulsion hearing.

Manufacturing, Selling, Distributing, or Dispensing by Secondary or Elementary Student

First Offense:

- Ten day suspension and the student will be referred for a long term suspension/expulsion hearing.

Tobacco Use

City of Lawrence Ordinance No. 7782 concerning smoking in public places became effective July 1, 2004. Smoking by students and/or the possession and use of any tobacco product is prohibited on school property or at school-sponsored events. For tobacco-related offenses, the student will be subject to one of the following sanctions:

First offense:

- Suspension and/or completion of the district's tobacco cessation program.

Second offense:

- Suspension and completion of the district's tobacco cessation program.

Subsequent offenses:

- Sanctions shall be at the discretion of the superintendent.

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Breath Alcohol Testing

Procedures During the Normal School Day or at School-sponsored Events (Excluding Dances and Prom)

Administrators may determine possible student alcohol consumption without the aid of a breathalyzer if there is reasonable suspicion of such use and one or more of the following indicators are observed:

- Slurred speech
- Unsteady gait
- Impaired motor control
- Flushed face
- Smell of intoxicating liquor on breath, clothing or person
- Vomiting
- Unruly conduct

If the administrator believes that a student has consumed alcohol:

- The administrator shall require the student to submit to passive breathalyzer testing.
- The test shall be conducted in privacy by a trained District employee and in the presence of an administrator.

If the passive test is positive:

- An active breathalyzer test will be administered in privacy by a trained District employee in the presence of an administrator.
- The student may request additional testing which will be two additional active tests taken at least two minutes apart.

If the active and/or additional testing is positive:

- The parent or guardian shall be notified and requested to take the student home.
- Emergency help shall be called if the student is assessed to be at risk for alcohol poisoning or in need of medical assistance.
- Disciplinary action may be taken in accordance with board policy JDDA Drug Free Schools.
- The blood alcohol content (BAC) of all active breathalyzer tests will be documented and retained by District administrative personnel.

If the test is negative:

- The student will be allowed to resume activity if the administrator does not suspect the use of other drugs, or unless other disciplinary rules apply to the student's conduct.
- If the administrator suspects the use of other drugs, policy JDDA Drug Free Schools shall apply.
- The student's parent or guardian will be notified that the breathalyzer was administered.

If a student who is suspected of having consumed alcohol refuses the breathalyzer test:

- The administrator will notify parents or guardian to pick up the student and shall detain the student until the parent or guardian arrives.
- The administrator may consider the refusal and all other evidence to determine whether or not the student has consumed alcohol and may discipline the student in the same manner as if the student tested positive.

If any student suspected of having consumed alcohol leaves the scene against an administrator's request:

- Police will be contacted immediately.
- The parent or guardian shall be notified.
- Disciplinary action may be taken as indicated by Board Policies JDD Suspension and Expulsion Procedures or JDDA Drug Free Schools

If a student on school property or at a school-sponsored activity is detained or taken into custody by law enforcement personnel and in connection therewith tests positive under law enforcement personnel breathalyzer testing, disciplinary action against the student may be taken under Policy JDD.

Summary of Procedures at High School Dances and Prom

Before admission to a school dance/Prom, students and guests of students will be asked to take a passive alcohol breath test. If this passive test is negative, the student will be admitted to the dance.

If the passive test is positive:

- The student will be escorted to a screening area and asked to wait for 15 minutes before an active or deep-breath test is administered.
- The date, time, and location of the test will be recorded, and the student will be asked to initial the document.

If the active test is positive:

- The student may request two additional tests be given within two minute intervals following the initial 15 minute waiting period.
- If either additional test is positive, the student will not be admitted to the dance.
- The school will notify the student's parents to transport the student home.
- If the school is unable to reach a parent, the student will remain with an administrator until arrangements can be made to return the student home safely. Arrangements may include involving law enforcement.

If school personnel observe behaviors indicating a student may have consumed alcohol after passing initial screening at a dance:

- They may administer another test(s) as described above.

- If the result is positive, the school will notify the student's parents to transport the student home.
- If the school is unable to reach a parent, the student will remain with an administrator until arrangements can be made to return the student home safely. Arrangements may include involving law enforcement.

Sanctions if the active test is positive:

- The student will not be allowed to attend school dances for one calendar year from the date of testing.
- If the student is a senior and the date of testing is the last dance of the school year, this student will not be allowed to participate in senior activities, including graduation ceremonies.
- If a student tests positive for alcohol use, or refuses breath testing, at two school dances, this student will not be allowed to attend school dances for the remainder of the time this student is enrolled in the Lawrence Public Schools.

Any student refusing breath testing will not be admitted to the dance. Parents will be contacted and school administrators may determine if the above sanctions apply.

Summary of Procedures at Junior High School Dances

If school personnel observe behaviors indicating a student may have consumed alcohol such as slurred speech, unsteady gait, impaired motor control, flushed face, smell of intoxicating liquor on breath, clothing or person, vomiting, or unruly behavior, or other reasonable indicators, a passive breath test may be administered.

If the passive test is positive:

- The student will be escorted to a screening area and asked to wait for 15 minutes before an active or deep-breath test is administered.
- The date, time, and location of the test will be recorded, and the student will be asked to initial the document.

If the active test is positive:

- The student may request two additional tests be given within two minute intervals following the initial 15 minute waiting period.
- If either additional test is positive, the student will not be admitted to the dance.
- The school will notify the student's parents to transport the student home.
- If the school is unable to reach a parent, the student will remain with an administrator until arrangements can be made to return the student home safely. Arrangements may include involving law enforcement.

Sanctions if active test is positive:

- The student will not be allowed to attend school dances for one calendar year from the date of testing.

- If a student tests positive for alcohol use, or refuses breath testing, at two school dances, this student will not be allowed to attend school dances for the remainder of the time this student is enrolled in the Lawrence Public Schools.

Any student refusing breath testing will not be admitted to the dance. Parents will be contacted and school administrators may determine if the above sanctions apply.

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